

MINUTES OF THE ELVASTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th May 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

Present:

Cllrs P Bickerton (Chairman), R Russell, T Mansfield, S Spenser, P Loakes, M Beadle and R Strand.

In Attendance:

Cllr N Atkin, DCllrs P Watson and N Atkin, 6 parishioners and J Irons (clerk).

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

01.05.17 Election of Chairman

Cllr Bickerton was proposed by Cllr Mansfield and seconded by Cllr Beadle. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Bickerton was elected and duly signed his declaration of acceptance of office form.

02.05.17. Election of Vice-Chairman.

Cllr Strand was proposed by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Spenser. **Resolved:** Cllr Strand was elected and duly signed his declaration of acceptance of office form.

03.05.17. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr C Hurt (work commitments) and DCllr H Coyle.

04.05.17: Variation of Order of Business

Item 11 was split allowing ECG to be brought forward for discussion.

05.05.17: Elvaston Communities Group

A dog owner announced that a dog routine display and mini-dog show will occur at the fete on 29th May. Risk assessments have been carried out and the Alsatian Association is insured for events. Prior to this a fun dog show will be held on 25th May at the village hall training field. The resident will produce posters for the notice boards. Eve Wilson and other Group members offered to assist.

Eve alluded to the fete and said Gill Forester will arrange marking bays for car parking to be placed on the showground; last year many cars parked on the road. She asked for volunteers to direct attendees from the car park to the cricket ground. Among other highlights are games, roundabouts, food, town crier and 30 stalls offering various goods and pastimes. A risk assessment has been conducted and first aid facilities are provided. The dog club has supported the fete in previous years. Eve will be the event manager.

06.05.17: Declaration of Members Interests None declared.

07.05.17: Declaration of Councillors' agreement to abide by the Code of Conduct. Councillors present duly agreed to abide by the Code.

08.05.17: Digital Derbyshire. Cllr Strand had prepared a draft letter to Digital Derbyshire and previously circulated it to members who agreed to peruse it over the next few days. Any further comment will be added by Cllr Strand and clerk to submit the final version to DD on Friday. The chairman thanked Cllr Strand for his efforts.

09.05.17: Councillor's Reports

Cllr Strand is dismayed that the speed bump on Stables Drive has not yet been removed; clerk to remind Gill Forester. Cllr Beadle noted that sales signs had appeared in Elvaston recently but had since disappeared.

Cllr Mansfield has made enquiries as to ownership of the land and hedge on Main Road and believes the company owning it has entered liquidation. Cllr Beadle had also made enquiries. Both members will pursue the issue while the clerk will investigate legally permitted hedge cutting dates.

10.05.17: District and County Councillor's Reports.

Cllr Neil Atkin

1. The chairman and vice-chairman congratulated Cllr Atkin on his recent appointment as county councillor for the Aston ward. His post will become official in the next 2 weeks. In the meantime Cllr Atkin will set up communications links and try to attend all local parish meetings.
2. Cllr Atkin requested a copy of the DD letter prepared by Cllr Strand; although not the final version the clerk handed him the draft as background information. He will look at other previous issues (Highways, Quarry Liaison meetings etc) in due course.

Cllr Strand commented that he appreciated Cllr Davison's input, thought him a man of principle and integrity and believed he worked for all constituents. The chairman echoed the comments and asked the clerk to forward these to Rob Davison.

DCllr Peter Watson

1. The DCllr also extended his congratulations to the newly elected chairman and vice-chairman and agreed with previous comments of appreciation regarding Cllr Davison's tenure. He considered Rob's input and hard work proved excellent and thought the county council was lucky to have benefitted from his service.
2. The Local Plan Part 2 should be approved in the summer.
3. The 'A' frame board at the Thulston roundabout has been removed but not the small advertising signs. Enforcement officers are unable to deal with a plethora of these appearing but will persevere.
4. Planning application 41 Grove Close. The resident has asked for an extension of time therefore the parish council has an opportunity to make comment if it wishes (Cllr Beadle has already made such a request).
5. A recent review of parliamentary boundaries would have seen Aston, Shardlow and other local villages absorbed into Derby City Council. However, the idea may now be shelved.
6. Intruder lights to deter burglars have been installed at numerous properties but these are badly positioned and at times light up the sky. Applicants will be reminded not to install excessive lighting.
7. The next Area Forum will be held in late June.
8. The chairman asked whether progress had been made in respect of the bridge over Thulston Brook; DCllr Watson replied to say Derby City Council has shown no interest because the bridge lies on the joint boundary with South Derbyshire but will pursue it.
9. Finally, DCllr Watson made comment over two previous County Councillors namely John Harrison & Rob Davison who had both served this area well and he expects that Neil Atkin to be a similarly good County Councillor.

Cllr Mansfield noted that planning permission for the crematorium at Aston was granted a year ago; DCllr Watson said this is still due to be built. Cllr Loakes thought the same question applied to the quarry; DCllr Watson said this is a county council responsibility but will revert.

Cllr Atkin left at 8.19.

11.05.17: Boulton Moor Housing. DCllr Watson considered the liaison meetings with Persimmon Homes had proved successful and can therefore be left in abeyance; in the absence of problems there is no need to resume them at present. Cllr Beadle raised the fact that no footpath exists on Snelsmoor Lane which Cllr Davison was going to investigate. The chairman will ask Rob and forward the reply to Cllr Atkin. The clerk received a reply from Derby City Council regarding the fenced area on Colwell Drive. The fencing remained to allow the site to dry after the dredging works were completed but an inspection will be arranged soon. Clerk to ask whether it is to be re-grassed.

DCllr Watson left at 8.23.

12.05.17: storage of gazebos. Cllr Mansfield has made no progress with this and believes a meeting with ECG and all other stakeholders is needed. Members agreed this should be conducted in the next meeting. The branch secretary of the dog club emailed the clerk asking whether its agility equipment was insured by the council (it is stored at the village hall). It is not so the clerk to reply advising him to obtain specific insurance cover.

13.05.17: Website maintenance (including the consideration of the purchase of the castle logo). Members agreed to

purchase the logo a cost of £130. Cllr Mansfield to pursue hosting and domain issues before July, when the present website contract expires.

14.05.17: Elvaston Castle Charitable Trust. Members **agreed** that Cllr Loakes should to invite the local trustee to the next meeting.

15.05.17: Public Speaking.

Eve Wilson announced that the Castle café is changing hands on 19th May and so will be closed for refurbishment.

16.05.17: To approve the minutes of the (2) meetings held on the 10th April 2017. These were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman (APM - pp Cllr Russell, seconded Cllr Beadle: Ordinary - pp Cllr Strand, seconded Cllr Russell).

17.05.17: Appointment of members to Committees or Sub Committees and their respective delegated authority.

The Officers for 2017-2018 were all unanimously elected as follows:-

- Elvaston Castle and Village Hall Committees – Cllr Russell;
- Finance Committee – Cllrs Bickerton, Strand and Mansfield;
- Elvaston Communities Group – Cllr Bickerton;
- Allotment Committee – Cllr Strand;
- Charities Trusts – Cllrs Mansfield, Russell and Loakes (once appointed);
- Boulton Moor development – Cllrs Bickerton, Strand, Russell and Beadle.

18.05.17: Police Report. 5 minor incidents were reported on the police website in the rural ward, 5 in Boulton Moor in February. Details can be accessed at: <http://www.police.uk/derbyshire/DE03/crime/> Clerk to remind the PCC to send 500 notices to council deterring errant car parking, promised in the last meeting.

19.05.17: Flooding and Gravel. Nothing to report.

20.05.17: Cllr Spenser left at 8.55pm.

21.05.17: Matters for Decision or Discussion:

21.1 hedge cutting: discussed earlier.

21.2 Signage issues:

Parking signs at Grove Close - Reply from SDDC on 25th April stated that planning permission would not be required for this type of signage because County Highway Authority permission is needed. Clerk asked Highways on 25th April.

Reply on 4th May – Highways looking into after receiving the photos but they deem the Elvaston Lane signs (on which these signs would be modelled) illegal.

Chellaston Lane signs – clerk sent SDDC a map and asked again on 5th May – reply states SDDC is still looking at this.

Colwell Drive – Barrett Homes replied saying '*Our opinion is that the view of the sign will be impaired in the suggested location and will require EA approval as they are charged with maintaining the brook. Our alternative suggestion is that the sign is erected within Derby City Council's land, subject to permission from them, to the North of the brook when entering the site or on the highway verge to the south of the brook, again subject to approval from Derby City Council. If you feel a meeting is required to discuss this please contact me and I will arrange for someone to attend*'. Members **agreed** for clerk to arrange a meeting.

Rural signage – clerk to order these now that the logo issue is resolved.

21.3 Parking issues: affiliated to above. In addition a resident complained of cars driving over land to the front of his house. After discussion the resident announced he will apply for ownership of this strip.

21.4 to consider a grant of £240 to the garden club. **Resolved:** agreed (pp Cllr Russell, seconded Cllr Mansfield). Mike Tong gave his thanks.

21.5 Response (if any) from Highways or SDDC over excessive amounts of advertising notices at Thulston traffic Roundabout. Discussed earlier.

21.6 review of standing orders and financial regulations. **Resolved:** no changes intended

21.7 To sign the internally audited accounts for 2016/17. Duly signed by chairman and clerk.

22.05.17: Clerk's Report

1. The Ramathon event will take place on 4th June.
2. Derby City Council's reply over the removal of the fencing at Colwell Drive will be removed was aired earlier.
3. Clerk attended a DALC seminar on 27th April and produced notes of the event including police representation, perils of social media, communication skills, the work of NALC and staff recruitment/ dispute issues.
4. Budget figures. Clerk produced updated final audited budget figures for 2016/17. Members **agreed** to discuss these at the next meeting.

23.05.16: Derbyshire Association of Local Councils newsletters. All had been emailed to all Cllrs previously.

24.05.16: Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment – cheques to be approved and signed:

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
001206	J Irons – Clerk's salary April	523.06	-	523.06
001206	J Irons – clerk's expenses April	77.15	-	77.15
Stand order	N Mansell - Lengthsman pay April	272.00	-	272.00
001207	HMRC – clerk's tax	68.40	-	68.40
001208	DCC – clerk's pension	142.07	-	142.07
001209	Diane Malley – payroll services 2017-18	110.50	-	110.50
001210	Helen Daniels – internal audit 2016/17	95.00	-	95.00
001211	DALC - Clerk's Seminar on 27 th April	15.00	-	15.00
001212	Nick Selleck – purchase of castle logo*	130.00	-	130.00
001213	Community Lincs - Insurance 2017-18	344.20	-	344.20
	TOTAL	1777.38	-	1777.38

* agreed at minute **13.05.17**.

(b) **Income**

8 allotment rents banked - £135

(c) **Bank balance as at 30th April 2017**

£31,318.43

25.05.16: To consider planning applications

9/2017/0143 - THE ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND FRONT PORCH AT 43 MAIN STREET AMBASTON. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2016/1322 - THE ALTERATION AND EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING CRICKET PAVILION AND ASSOCIATED WORKS AT CRICKET GROUND ELVASTON CRICKET CLUB BORROWASH ROAD ELVASTON. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2017/0196 - OUTLINE APPLICATION (ALL MATTERS RESERVED) FOR THE ERECTION OF TWO DWELLINGS AT 41 GROVE CLOSE THULSTON. **Resolved:** discussed earlier at 10.05.17; further comment (if any) welcomed from members.

26.05.16: Items for information only. The clerk offered 2 items of interest.

27.05.16: Agenda items for the next meeting.

- Broadband;
- Elvaston Communities Group;
- Elvaston Castle Charitable Trust including the invitation of the local trustee;
- Boulton Moor Housing;
- To discuss the storage of gazebos with ECG and other stakeholders;
- To raise a cheque for £240 as a donation to the garden club;
- Outcome of the meeting with Derby City Council over signage (if held);
- Budget review.

28.05.14: Date of next meeting – Monday 12th June 2017 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm

Signed

Cllr P Bickerton (Chairman)